

Claims

1. A dolly on which a load can be carried and having wheels enabling its movement over a support surface, wherein the wheels each have a peripheral surface which comprises a plurality of spaced projections and recesses therebetween.
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2. A dolly according to claim 1 adapted for running on a corrugated support surface with the projections entering troughs between ridges of the support surface.
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3. A dolly according to claim 2 adapted to run on a corrugated support surface in which the corrugations are of generally rectangular form, and wherein the projections on the wheel surface are of somewhat rectangular form, viewed parallel to the rotational axis of the wheel.
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4. A dolly according to claim 3 wherein the width of each wheel is greater than the spacing between the ridges of the corrugated support surface.
- 20 5. A dolly according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the wheels are of a rubber and/or polymeric material.
6. A dolly according to any one of the preceding claims, comprising a body part of plastics material, affording a load-carrying surface.
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7. A dolly according to claim 6 wherein the wheels are partially accommodated in recesses provided in the body part, so that a portion only of the periphery of each wheel extends outwardly beneath the body part.

8. A dolly according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the wheels are rigidly supported in respect of upwards and downwards movement relative to the body part.

5 9. A dolly according to any one of claims 6 to 8 wherein the wheels are carried by a chassis assembly to which the body part is secured.

10 10. A dolly according to any one of the preceding claims comprising two wheels which are pivotable about respective castor axes and two wheels which are not pivotable in such manner.

11. A dolly according to any one of the preceding claims comprising coupling means enabling a number of dollies to be connected together and handled as a train of dollies.

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12. A dolly according to any one of the preceding claims further comprising means for accommodating an identification device such as a radio transponder.

20 13. A method of transporting goods, comprising loading the goods on at least one dolly according to any one of the preceding claims, and carrying the dolly on a vehicle.

25 14. A method according to claim 13 wherein the vehicle is a railway wagon for motor vehicle transportation.

15. A method according to claim 14 comprising coupling a plurality of dollies together to form a train thereof, and loading the train of dollies onto at least one of the wagons.

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16. A method according to claim 15 comprising securing the coupled dollies on the or each wagon by engaging end ones of the coupled dollies thereon by retaining devices.
- 5 17. A dolly, or method of transportation using same, substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and/or as shown in the accompanying drawings.
- 10 18. Any novel feature or novel combination of features described herein and/or in the accompanying drawings.